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**DECLARATION OF AVAILABLE INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. I am a joint inventor of the subject matter of Claims 1-67 of the patent application identified above, as filed and as amended by the Amendment / Response filed concurrently herewith.

2. I am also a joint inventor of the subject matter of the David et al. patent application (U.S. serial no. 10/402,322 filed March 27, 2003), corresponding to U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0189669.

3. A number of the named joint inventors of the present application are currently also named as joint inventors in U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0189669.

4. The subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0189669 arose out of the same work as did the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the present patent application. Notwithstanding that the numerous joint inventors in each application do not exactly overlap, any described subject matter of U.S. Patent

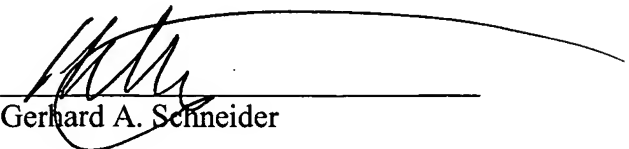
Publication 2004/0189669 that can be considered the same or similar to that of the present invention is not an invention of another.

5. Various aspects of the invention claimed in the present application are generally directed towards at least one component of one embodiment of a system, whereas various aspects of U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0189669 are generally directed towards at least one other component of that system. To the extent that U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0189669 may disclose any aspect of the present invention, I submit that the invention described in U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0189669 was not before applicants' present invention.

6. Each invention and its corresponding respective application are assigned to the same entity, Microsoft Corporation.

7. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.

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